--- 100 “Large” Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 130 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- the <u>provisional</u> - *overprinted* OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000 in two lines of 2 mm. red Gothic ---

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The **Budget of 1897** increased the excise duty to $ 3.00 per thousand for *foreign leaf* cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand, and to $ 8.00 per thousand for *foreign leaf* cigarettes weighing over three pounds per thousand.

★**RC-200 SP** - 100 large cigarettes, perf 12, with full yellow gum, rollered TOBACCO / A-20 overprinted OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000 in 2 mm. Gothic characters

★**RC-200 CRP** - 100 large cigarettes, perforated 12, without gum, stamped CANCELLED and Registered overprinted OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000 in 2 mm. Gothic characters

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The collection *does not* contain a copy of **RC-200†** - the “Series of 1897” *perforated* one hundred “large cigarette” strip without the purple stamping - **WANTED!**

--- 100 “Large” Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 130 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- the <u>definitive</u> - *inscribed* OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000 ---

★**RC-209** - 100 large cigarettes, coarse roulette, inscribed **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**,
rollered **TOBACCO / 6-17**, by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, prior to November 1921

★**RC-209 SP** - 100 large cigarettes, coarse roulette, inscribed **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**,
stamped ***Sample*** in script

RC-209 DP - 100 large cigarettes, inscribed **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**,
a black die proof [F - 163] on thin cardboard

★**RC-208 SP** - 100 large cigarettes, perf 12, with full gum, inscribed **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**,
stamped **SPECIMEN** in 5 mm. rose Gothic

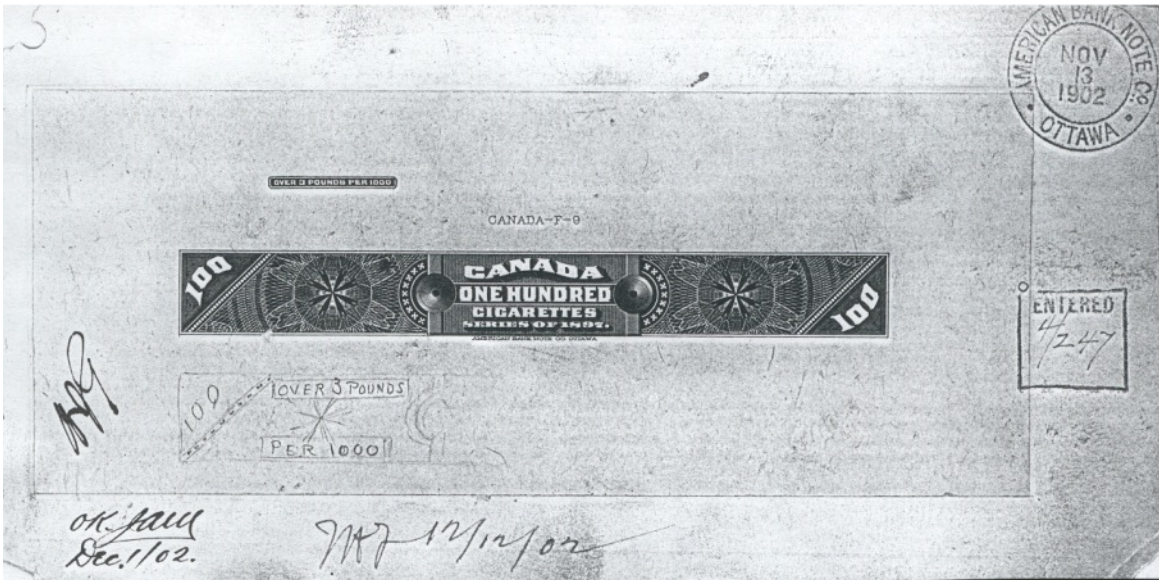
The collection ***does not contain*** a plain copy of **RC-208** - the definitive “Series of 1897” one hundred “large cigarette” *perforated* strip - **WANTED!**

--- Plate No. 1 - for One Hundred *Large Cigarettes* ---

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of plate No. 1, for the 100 *large* cigarette “Series of 1897” strip. This 20 impression plate was probably arranged - 2 x 10 stamps. [this information is derived from the research of Chris Ryan]

--- initial design of RC-209 - “Series of 1897” - 130 x 15 mm. - scanned at 75% scale ---

The following completed die proof [CANADA - F - 9] of **RC-150** and the initial design drawing are scanned at 75% scale from photocopies ***provided by Fritz Angst*** at BNAPEX 1999 in Vernon, B.C. While the details are not sharp, the above is interesting since it shows the design build-up of the *large cigarette* starting from the one hundred *small cigarette* strip.



--- **RC-209** - the design as approved from **RC-150** on December 1st 1902 ---

--- **RC-209 DP** - 100 large cigarettes, black die proof, approved by *W.J. Gerald* on January 17th, 1903 ---

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